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## Tarrant County Master Gardener Association

September 2014

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*If you have an idea or would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact Jackie Heidinger  
[jackieheidinger@verizon.net](mailto:jackieheidinger@verizon.net)*

### "Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge"

*By Patsy Miller*



**T**he Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge (FWNC&R) is a Tarrant County Master Gardener Association project that lead Mimi Mancuso calls a "hidden jewel" with need of more volunteers to help it shine.

The more than 3600 acres is located at 9601 Fossil Ridge Road in far north Fort Worth. For those of you who live in or around Lake Worth, Lakeside, Saginaw and Haslet, it's close by. For those of you who live further away, it has special events every weekend and daily wonders to behold.

One of the largest city-owned parks in the U.S., it includes forests, prairies and wetlands reminiscent of how much of the Fort Worth/Dallas Metroplex once looked. With lots of native flora and fauna, it is a tranquil piece of nature. It was designated a National Natural Landmark in 1980 by the National Park Service (US Department of the Interior).

Some of the projects MGs are involved in include the Hardwicke Information Center where there is a large contained area that has been reworked with native plants most of which were grown on the property. It is constantly being redesigned by critters so the area usually needs some replanting and T.L.C. on a weekly basis, says Mimi.

Michelle Villafranca who is in charge of the greenhouse and plantings on the property has also requested help in the greenhouse. Seeds are collected from plants on the property and planted and replanted as they grow into larger size pots. Eventually the plants are planted somewhere on the property so the acreage retains the natural state of the prairie.

**Fort Worth Nature  
Center and Refuge  
is a Natural Place  
to Volunteer**

"This land was donated to Fort Worth and is kept as natural as possible. The large bluestem prairie area takes your breath away," adds Mimi. "Our project has been recognized by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat. We have submitted the paperwork to be certified."

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## “Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge ”—continued

“Please come help us preserve it. There really isn't much need for funding because everything comes from the property (mulch, soil, and plants),” said Mimi. If you are interested in these types of volunteer jobs, please contact Mimi Mancuso at e-mail address [nanapapa\\_65@yahoo.com](mailto:nanapapa_65@yahoo.com) or phone 817/750-1954.

You can find out more about the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge at <http://www.fwnaturecenter.org/>







**Patsy Miller,  
TCMGA President**

# President's Message

## Hello Master Gardeners,

Thank you for another successful Fort Worth Home and Garden Show. Every year the Texas Home and Garden staff asks us to step up our game and do a little more and you always come through.

Special thanks to Sandra Danmola who outdid herself on special balloon creatures and awesome balloon decorations for our booth. She presented the Kids Workshop program on the Life Cycle of a Butterfly. Carolyn Gordon and Theresa Thomas led the children in making butterfly-attracting wildflower seed balls. The Kids Workshop, held once on Saturday and Sunday, was a special activity they asked us to do in addition to the Kids Zone in our booth.

Dave Wilson, Sher Dunaway, Lance Jepson and Steve Chaney presented talks on the H&G Main Stage. And thanks to the demo garden propagation team for growing plants and Sue Kelley for using those plants to make beautiful arrangements for our booth. And there were the wonderful volunteers, some of whom stayed the whole day, to do what we do best, educate the public on good horticulture practices, conserving water and other resources.

I was recently interviewed by a Dallas Morning News reporter who is doing a story on the Tarrant and Dallas associations on what is a Master Gardener. After talking about our activities and projects, who are MGs and why people become Master Gardeners, the reporter asked me, "if the association should suddenly disappear, would anybody notice – would you have made a difference?"

Without hesitation, I answered that our dedicated and active association of 394 members (yes, that is correct!) is a valuable resource of free information delivered across varied demographics and communities. We step in where cities, utilities, social service and government agencies, schools and a myriad of other groups simply do not have the staff to get out horticultural information needed to conserve our resources and to learn the joy of gardening.

As evidence, I noted that we had been recently named the winner of the 2014 Evelyn Siegel Vision Award by Greater Tarrant County Senior Citizen Services. The award recognizes our work with older individuals.

The Northside Inter-Community Agency recently acknowledged the success of their spring backyard gardening program taught by MGs and the curriculum in part written by Lance Jepson. Aimed largely at Latina women, they asked us to come back and teach a fall program. And now the agency is asking for more volunteers as two churches in other parts of Fort Worth want to start a similar program. Master Gardeners are making a difference.

Bill Hall is being recognized for making a difference. An MG since 2006 and also a Master Composter, he has been named Volunteer of the Year as part of the North Texas Recycling Awards. He epitomizes the group's motto of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Besides recruiting new Master Composters and helping with the classes, he volunteers weekly at the Fort Worth Compost Outpost. He also teaches "Kids on the Prairie" classes and volunteers at MG's project Southwest Regional Library. He's a longtime volunteer at the Fort Worth Symphony's Concerts in the Garden where he walks through the audience asking for their recyclables. Anytime there is a call for volunteers, Bill is there.

Next time you are visiting the Fort Worth Botanic Garden head for the Backyard Vegetable Garden. (Better yet, come on Friday morning and volunteer). Look for the new Backyard Vegetable Garden plaque (see photo) which recognizes the work of the MG 2012

intern class which helped to renovate the site with funds provided by the Fort Worth Botanical Society. Our own Dolores Geisel was president at the time.

See you in September.



**Patsy Miller  
TCMGA President**



# TCMGA General Meeting— August 2014

President, Patsy Miller called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. There were 166 members present making a quorum (15 %) for the business meeting. There were two visitors.

The minutes of the July meeting were published in the August newsletter and as there were no corrections the minutes were approved as published.

## Executive Board

**Programs:** Marianne Levine, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, reported that the September program would be “The Arum Plant Family” speaker David Leedy, the October program would be “Native Ornamental Grass for Urban Landscaping” speaker John Snowden and November’s program “From Proven Winner to Pleistocene Rewilding” speaker Dr. David Hopman.

**Ways & Means:** Marilyn Satterfield reported that instead of a raffle this meeting there is pottery for sale. Other items being sold are MG logo wear, fertilizer and bulbs at the September and October Meeting, for delivery in November.

**Steve Chaney** – No report.

### Treasurer: Starr Krottinger, Treasurer’s Report

#### Month Ending July 31, 2014:

Beginning balance:	\$42,003.53
Expenditures:	\$ 2,630.57
Deposits:	\$ 272.28
Ending Balance:	\$39,645.24

There were no questions and the treasurer’s report was filed.

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## Committee Reports

**Activities** – Visit the activities table. The activities committee is helping to arrange carpooling to the state conference Sept. 25-27 in Odessa.

- Sign up to volunteer at the Oct 9 MG garden tour in NE Tarrant County
- Sign up for September education classes.
- Today's classes are:
  - Xeriscape - Glenn Dickerson is in the Elm room
  - What plants can I use with these water restrictions?
  - All About Bees - Ginger Gage - in the Gym
  - Learn about that world of the wonderful pollinator

If you would like to present a class or have an idea for a class, contact, Pat Lovejoy, Nancy Curl or Claire Alford.

**Education Committee** Nancy Curl showed examples of papercrete and announced a beginners and advanced Class at the Hortipalooza on October 25. Sign up will be online.

**The Garden Conservancy Open Day Tour** will be in October 2015 and Ginger Bason is looking for potential gardens in our area. Garden Conservancy preserves exceptional gardens and landscapes, and the annual garden tours held all over the country raise money to preserve once private gardens from being lost to development or commercial interests. So if you have a suggestion of a private garden that has interesting history, architectural or landscaping feature, let Ginger know. Master Gardeners act as hosts at the various gardens and we earn a portion of the profit.

**Home and Garden Show** is next Saturday and Sunday, August 16-17. There was an eblast sent with reply to Billie or there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board.

## Announcements

- We have been asked again to help with the backyard garden program targeting low-income Latina women. Information on our spring program and then new fall program is on the bulletin board. Lance Jepson helped write the curriculum and Caryn Hutchinson and Mike Warren were the teachers and Linda Hawkins helped with the backyard gardens.
- Tarrant County Master Gardeners have been named the winner of the 2014 Evelyn Siegel Vision Award by Senior Citizen Services. The award will be presented at the Senior Spirit Awards on September 19. The Evelyn Siegel Vision Award recognizes caring individuals or organizations that empower older adults in Tarrant County to age in place with purpose and dignity.
- Grapevine Garden Club has been named Gold Garden Club of the Year by the Texas Garden Clubs. Many MGs are members and were instrumental in winning the award. More information on the bulletin board.
- Our sympathies go to Marilyn Satterfield on the death of her brother and to Claudia Cimme on the death of her father. Both were sent cards from the association.

**2015 Membership** dues are being taken. Those of you who have background checks due have been notified. \$10 fee is required every 3 years by the Extension Service and you can just add it to your \$20 dues. If you have recently had a background check for another organization, that will be sufficient. Let Steve Purdy know.

**Pictures** are being taken for the 2015 yearbook. If you want to include a new photo, see the photographers.

**Study-travel program to Cuernavaca Mexico.** Several members attended last year. Stay with a Mexican family and visit gardens, nurseries and cultural and historical sites. Eleanor Tuck has more information. See brochure on the bulletin board.

**Demonstration Garden** needs a lead for the Enabling and Native Plant Garden area. See Bill Vandever.

Door prize winners were announced.

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:29 AM

Submitted by  
Theresa Kay Thomas,  
Secretary

## The Texas-sized Cicada Killer

From *Insects in the City*, posted by  
Jeremy Farmer

as the cicada killer wasp, *Sphecius speciosus*.

Cicada killer wasps are easy to spot due to their large size; they are typically 1-1/2 to two inches in length. The female cicada killer digs homes for her young in home lawns or in any sandy, bare, well-drained soil exposed to full sun.

Although female cicada killers can sting, they usually ignore people and are rarely aggressive. On the other hand, males are often territorial and may act aggressively. Here's the deal though. Males don't possess stingers and are completely harmless. Like some "guard dogs", their bark is worse than their bite.

### Why are they pests?

Even though they are a solitary species, females are known to nest in large numbers in sandy areas like embankments if the soil is dry and capable of holding a big enough population. The large number of nests and wasp activity can become a nuisance. Also the adult wasps, especially the males defending their territory, can be scary to both children and adults.

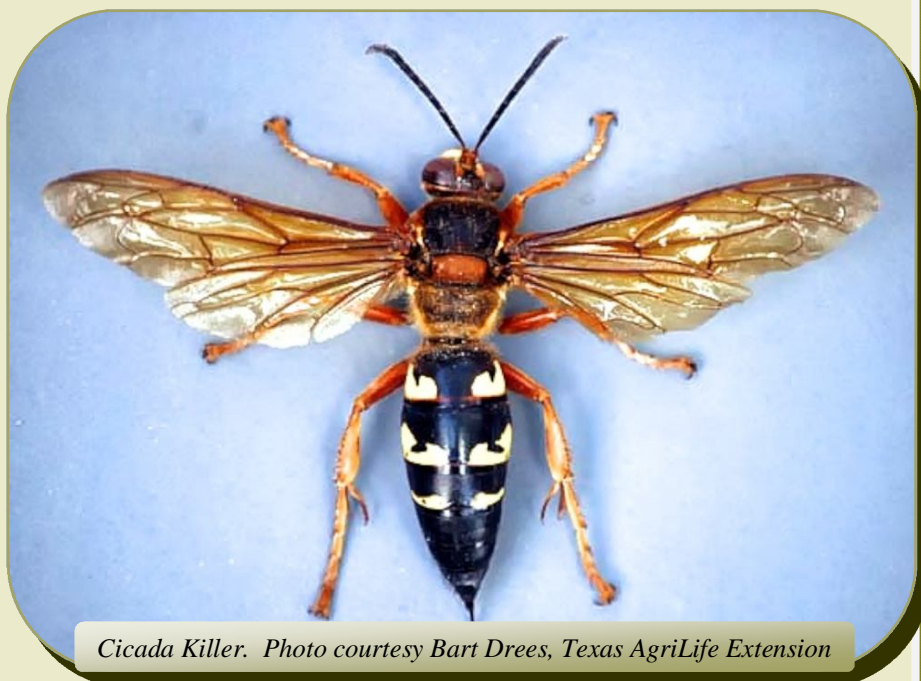
### Why are they good?

Although their name suggests otherwise, the adults of this species are peaceful nectar feeders and occasional pollinators. The females capture cicadas, helping keep the neighborhood a little quieter during the summer.

It is the immature, or larval, stage that feeds on the cicadas brought to the burrow by the adult female. After she finds and stings her cicada prey, she turns the victim on its back, straddles it, and drags it or glides with it to the burrow. One burrow may have several underground cells, each one provisioned with a paralyzed cicada (or two or three) and a single egg is laid before the cell is sealed off. This cicada will serve as a food source for the young as it develops. The typical development for a cicada killer is 10-11 months, with the offspring emerging next year.

### Should they be controlled?

Generally cicada killers should be considered harmless and don't need to be controlled. If the nests cannot be tolerated, a small amount of insecticide dust, such as is sold for control of ants or ground-nesting wasps can be applied to each cicada killer burrow. In garden beds, if you are willing to wait out their summertime nesting season, consider covering the site with landscape fabric and mulch. This should prevent emergence next year and discourage adults from using the site again.



Cicada Killer. Photo courtesy Bart Drees, Texas AgriLife Extension



# TCMGA at Ft. Worth Home & Garden Show

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## September 2014 Program

Our speaker for September 4th, 2014 will be David Leedy, a collector and grower of plants from the Araceae family of plants. He has had an interest in these types of plants since the 1970s. He has been published in the Journal of International Aroid Society, as well as, the "European Garden Flora", a 1984 publication.

He has visited various botanical gardens as the guest of the curator or botanist, and has visited Kew gardens in England. He has visited the Munich Botanical Gardens, visiting Josef Bogner, world renowned Aroid specialist.

Mr. Leedy has made two collecting trips to Ecuador.

He moved from Los Angeles to Texas in 1995 and his interest in Aroids flagged. He resumed interest when a group of Aroid enthusiasts held a conference in Fort Worth. His most recent efforts involve creating the right conditions in the Central Texas climate and soil for growing hardy plants of this family. Some of the plants from the Araceae family include the following: Elephant ears, Philodendron, Caladiums, Spathiphyllum, Anthuriums, and Dieffenbachia. His topic will be "Growing Aroids in North Texas".

**Marianne Levine**  
Program Chair



**Happy Birthday!**  
**September 2014**

- 1 Claire Alford
- 3 Lena Goff
- 8 Henry Cole
- 9 Shari Stanfield, Glenda Juran
- 12 Linda Hawkins
- 14 Ruth Boward
- 15 Rachel Clark, Rocky Deutscher
- 16 Taddie Hamilton, Jessica McCraw, John Pinkerton
- 18 Steve Smith
- 19 Cecil Ray, Judy Matlock
- 20 Vicki Moore
- 22 L.J. Williams, Margaret Duncan
- 23 Barbara Mann, Patty Brown
- 26 Lance Jepson, Nan Garvin

If your birthday is this month and you don't see it, please contact

**Doris Hill,**  
(817) 337-8484 or email  
[artanddorishill@verizon.net](mailto:artanddorishill@verizon.net)

## Membership/Background Investigation Update

We will continue collecting membership dues at the September monthly meeting. Dues are \$20. If you are over 80 years of age, the dues are \$10. You can pay in cash or by check made out to TCMGA. Dues must be paid by Oct 31, 2014.

Please note that some TCMGA members will owe an additional \$10 for an update to their Background Investigation. This update is required every three years. You will be notified by e-mail if you require a background update. If you have questions, please call Steve Purdy.

**Steve Purdy**  
Membership



Would you like to carpool to the State Conference?

## Texas Master Gardener Association 2014 State Conference, Odessa, TX

September 25 – 27, 2014

[2014TMGAConference.org](http://2014TMGAConference.org)

**Come by the Activities Table. We will be happy to help you connect with those going.**



Photo by Gay Larson

**M**aster Gardener Bill Hall, has won Volunteer of the Year with the North Texas Recycling Awards.

Debbie Branch, resource recovery planner & Keep Fort Worth Beautiful director for City of Fort Worth nominated him for his continued efforts in promoting composting, recycling and environmental stewardship in Fort Worth.

Larinda Smith, education and volunteer coordinator for the Fort Worth Botanic Garden, considers him “our marketing director for the Master Composter program.” Bill is a Master Gardener and Master Composter.

### MEMORIAL BRICK

**Order your Memorial Brick for the  
Community Demonstration Garden  
now!**

Order form can be located at [tarrantmq.org](http://tarrantmq.org)

## Would you like a few more CEU's?

Join the Brown Bag-BYOL- CEU Group  
Following the Master Gardener Meeting

**September 4**

We will offer three classes:

1. Compost Tea - led by Debra Keys
2. Meditation Garden with Sandy Schierling
3. Bulbs—led by Jeanie Browning

For pre-registration, contact Nancy Curl at [nl\\_curl@yahoo.com](mailto:nl_curl@yahoo.com)

## Master Gardener Specialist Propagation Training

**October 17—18, 2014**

**Montgomery County Extension Center  
Conroe, Texas**

For more information and registration forms, go to [tarrantmg.org](http://tarrantmg.org)

## Master Gardener Specialist Entomology Training

**September 8 @ 8:00 am -  
September 12 @ 5:00 pm**

\$280.00 per person

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service  
Travis County  
1600-B Smith Rd. Austin TX 78721  
More info at

<http://txmg.org/event/entomology-specialist-training-travis-county/>

## Master Gardener Specialist Rainwater Harvesting Training

**September 29—October 1 2014**

**Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center - Dallas**

This two day course is a combination of hands-on and classroom presentations that will teach you all of the basics of rainwater harvesting. With the knowledge you gain, you will be able to teach others about rainwater harvesting. With only 15 hours of RWH volunteering in one year, you become a Rainwater Harvesting Specialist at the annual Master Gardener conference.

<http://dallas.tamu.edu/courses/2014/september-29-october-1-2014-rainwater-harvesting-specialist-training/>



# Bulb and Fertilizer Sale

## Tarrant County Master Gardener Fall Bulb Sale 2014



**Narcissi Golden Dawn**  
(Tazetta)  
16" tall  
Developed in U.S. Medium yellow petals with dark orange cup. Sturdy tazetta. Full sun to partial shade. Multiplies well. Zones 5-9



**Narcissi Erlicheer**  
(Double)  
12"-14" tall  
Double white blossoms with light yellow flecks. 15-20 florets per stem. Great naturalizer. Very fragrant. Zones 3-8



**Ice Follies**  
(Large Cup)  
18"-20" tall  
Large 4" flowers with icy white petals surrounding a frilled bowl shaped light yellow cup. Zones 3-8



**Muscari armeniacum**  
Grape Hyacinth  
4"-6" inches tall  
Circa 1878 Native to Turkey Naturalizes. This original Blue Grape Hyacinth is bright cobalt blue. Normally deer proof. Zones 5-8



**Hyacinthoides hispanica**  
Excelsior Spanish Bluebells  
12"-15" tall  
Very adaptable. Circa 1601. Produces 15-20 bell shaped flowers on long stems with strap-like foliage. Blue violet flowers. Shade tolerant. Naturalizes. Zones 4-10



**Ipheion uniflorum**  
Wisley Blue Star Flower  
3"-6" tall  
Circa 1836 sweetly scented Naturalizing star-shaped flowers are deep blue. Plant 4" apart 4" deep Blooms early to late Spring Zones 5-9



**Dutch Iris Eye of the Tiger**  
18"-22" tall  
Exotic deep violet-blue standards and sultry mahogany bronze falls with yellow blotches. Linear form Blooms late Spring Zones 5-8



**Dutch Iris Blue Magic**  
18"-22" tall  
Dutch Iris were hybridized in the early 1900's from a 16<sup>th</sup> century native Spanish variety. Deep heliotrope-blue with yellow blotches. Linear form Blooms late Spring Zones 5-8



**Leucojum aestivum**  
Summer Snowflake  
12"-15" tall  
Deer/rodent proof. Umbels of pendent, bell-shaped milky white flowers with faint green tip and strappy, grass-like foliage. Moisture tolerant. Strong long lasting variety. Zones 4-9



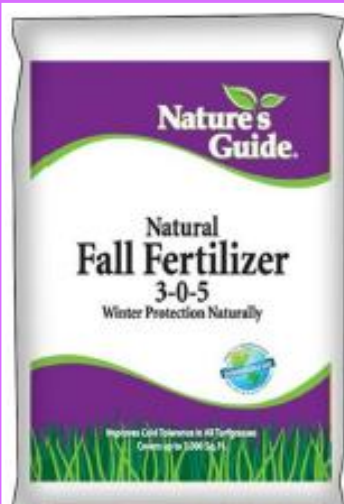
**Gladiolus communis**  
ssp byzantius  
16"-24"  
Purple-red flowers with white striped interior. Smaller flowered and harder than summer blooming cousins. No staking needed. This is not the expensive East Texas clone. Zones 5-9

**Bulb orders and checks can be mailed to Jeanie Browning or submitted at the September TCMGA meeting.**

**Orders need to be received by Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Bulbs can be picked up at the November TCMGA meeting.**

**Order form can also be found at [tarrantmg.org](http://tarrantmg.org) or on the following page.**



## Ways and Means

will be taking prepaid orders for

## Fall Fertilizer

at the September meeting.

The fertilizer will be ready for pickup before the October meeting.

Price per bag will be \$18.00. Order form is on TCMGA website at

[tarrantmg.org](http://tarrantmg.org).

Order form is on the following page and can be mailed or brought to meeting.

If you have questions call Marilyn Satterfield,

[817-914-6676](tel:817-914-6676) or [fitchfield@yahoo.com](mailto:fitchfield@yahoo.com).



## 2014 Tarrant County Master Gardener Bulb Sale



### ORDER FORM

Bulb Name	# of Bulbs/Price Per Set	Total Sets	Total Price
Narcissi Golden Dawn (Tazetta)	12 for \$10.00		
Narcissi Erlicheer (Double)	12 for \$10.00		
Narcissi Ice Follies (Large Cup)	12 for \$10.00		
Muscari armeniacum (Blue Grape Hyacinth)	25 for \$10.00		
Hyacinthoides hispanica Excelsior (Spanish Bluebell)	20 for \$10.00		
Ipheion uniflorum Wisley Blue (Star Flower)	25 for \$10.00		
Dutch Iris Eye of the Tiger	20 for \$10.00		
Dutch Iris Blue Magic	25 for \$10.00		
Leucojum astivum (Summer Snowflake)	12 for \$10.00		
Gladiolus communis ssp byzantinus	30 for \$10.00		
	<b>Grand Total:</b>		

**PLEASE NOTE:** Each order is **one set**. For example, 25 Muscari for \$10.00 is **one set**. If you order two sets, you'll receive 50 bulbs at a total price of \$20.00.  
Sorry, we can only sell bulbs in the increments shown.

**ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY**  
**Thursday, October 2, 2014**

Payment **MUST** Accompany Order

Mail Checks or Money Orders made out to  
TCMGA. Send to:

Bulb Sale  
c/o Jeanie Browning  
4517 Maywood Drive  
Arlington, Texas 76017

Bulbs will be available for pickup at the  
TCMGA November Meeting, Nov. 6

**Note: Please make arrangements to have someone  
pick up your bulbs, if you cannot attend on that date.**

Questions? Call Jeanie Browning  
(TCMGA Bulb Sale Coordinator)  
at 817-478-2006

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

We will send you reminders by email of the bulb sale, plant sale &  
AgriLife Extension programs.



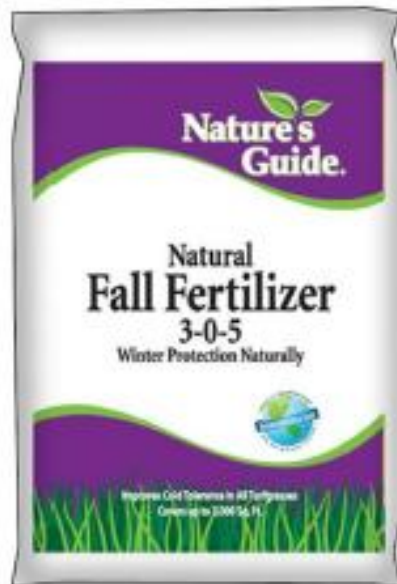
Tarrant County Master Gardener

# Fall Fertilizer Sale

*August 7th - September 4th*

Will your plants be ready for winter? Summer takes a toll on both landscape plants and turf. Give your landscape the food it needs to recover and thrive.

**\$18.00 for a 30lb bag**



## **Natural Fall Fertilizer 3-0-5**

- Designed specifically for fall application on all turf grasses
- Enhances root systems to improve cold and stress tolerance.
- No added chemicals
- Free from biosolids.
- Adds organic matter to the soil and increases microbial activity with no burning

3,000 sq. ft. coverage per 30lb. bag

The Ways and Means Committee will take orders on Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> through September 4th. You can also mail in your order to the address below through September 4th. Delivery will be at the *October 2, 2014* meeting. All orders need to be prepaid. Checks should be made out to **TCMGA**.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
How many bags? \_\_\_\_\_ X \$18.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ (Total)

Questions? Call Marilyn Satterfield @ 817-914-6676. Mail orders and checks to:

Marilyn Satterfield  
1120 Cottonwood Dr.  
Crowley, Texas 76036



# Tarrant County Master Gardener Association

## 2014 Monthly Meeting Program

September

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**David Leedy**

"The Arum Plant Family"

October

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**John Snowden**

"Native Ornamental Grasses  
for Urban Landscaping"

November

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**Dr. David Hopman**

"From Proven Winner to  
Pleistocene Rewilding"

December

4

**Holiday Luncheon**



## Notable September Events

- **September 4—TCMGA Monthly Meeting**
- **September 10—Guided Tour of FW Botanic Garden Perennial Garden**
- **September 11—Guided Tour of FW Botanic Garden Trial Garden**
- **September 25-27—TMG Conference Rigs & Roses**
- **September 27—Wildscape Native Plant Sale**

### Wildscape Native Plant Sale

*A large variety of native plants grown organically at the greenhouse by Wildscape volunteers including ground covers, perennials, shrubs, vines and trees*

**When:** Saturday, September 27, 2014  
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Where:** Randol Mill Park Greenhouse  
1901 W Randol Mill Rd.  
Arlington, TX  
(The greenhouse is in the rear of the park behind the swimming pool.)



*Vernonia baldwinii*  
Western Ironweed

More details will be announced soon at: [www.thewildscape.org](http://www.thewildscape.org)



The conference will be hosted by the  
Permian Basin Master Gardeners  
on September 25-27, 2014,  
at the MCM Grandé Hotel and FUNdome,  
Odessa.

## GARDEN TOURS!

### Thursday October 9th

5 homes in North East Tarrant County.

From large to small gardens come visit and hear about the plantings and design.

Sign up at the September meeting!

Claire Alford  
Activities Chair

### Inviting all gardeners!!!

2014 Southern Region  
Master Gardener Conference



October 21 - 24, 2014  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Baton Rouge, LA

Sponsored by:  
East Baton Rouge Master Gardener Association  
LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Master Gardener Program

For information and registration go to....

[www.SouthernRegionMGConf2014.com](http://www.SouthernRegionMGConf2014.com)

Early registration ends July 15



# Upcoming Events

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## Travel

## Study



## Learn

**P**rogram for master gardeners to learn about the Mexican culture and how the climate and soil affect gardening in Mexico.

Jan. 2-9, 2015

The Center for Hispanic  
Studies in Nursing and Health



COLLEGE OF NURSING

For additional information contact  
Ginger Bason at

[gbasonbowden@gmail.com](mailto:gbasonbowden@gmail.com) or

Eleanor Tuck at [etuck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:etuck@sbcglobal.net)

Registration information can be located at

[tarrantmg.org](http://tarrantmg.org)

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

## Hortipalooza '14!

**OCTOBER 25, 2014**

**A FANTASTIC FESTIVAL OF FUN,  
FRIENDS, & HORTICULTURAL  
ENLIGHTENMENT!**

**"Best garden festival since Woodstock!"**

**"It's gonna be craaaaaazy good!"**

**"Not for the faint of heart."**

**"Well, I never!"**

**Resource Connection**

2300 Circle Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76119

(Across Campus Drive from TCC - South)

*A Big Stars Production*



*- Join Us -*

the first of every month at BRIT from  
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a morning full of lively,  
family-friendly, science-based programming!

*- Featuring -*

Farmers Market (through October), Saturday Science  
Programming, Plant ID, and Bella's Story Time.

Find out more at [Brit.org/events/more-children-families](http://Brit.org/events/more-children-families).

### September 6

Farmers Market, Plant ID, Bella's Story Time - *Apple Farmer Annie*, and Saturday Science: Vineyards and Orchards. September's sustainable wine and cider event will feature examples of how vineyards and farms around the world produce their products in a sustainable way, while highlighting the region and the participating organization.

### October 4

Farmers Market (the last for the season!), Plant ID, Bella's Story Time - *Pumpkin, Pumpkin*, and Saturday Science: Fall Harvest. Come celebrate the arrival of fall with BRIT as we explore autumn's botanical bounty.

### November 1

Artisan Gift Market, Plant ID, Bella's Story Time - *Winter Lullaby*, and Saturday Science: Festive by Nature. Join us as we delve into the science and history of some of the most iconic holiday botanicals.



# TCMGA Volunteer Opportunities

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Project Code & Name	Work Days/Times	Project Manager	Phone
301 BRIT Activities	Call Chairman	Kay Yount	817-292-7690
302 BG Perennial Garden	Wed. 8:30 am—11:30 am	Cindy Woelke	817-366-4436
302 BG Backyard Vegetable Garden	Fri. 8 am—11 am	Nancy Curl	817-319-1795
302 BG Trial Garden	Thurs. 7:30 am– 10:30 am	Susan Miller semiller@sbcglobal.net	817-261-1420
303 Community and Demo Garden Chair Project Leads	Bill Vandever, bvandever@charter.net		817-244-1580
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Potting Shed	Pat Lovejoy, palovejoy@att.net		817-447-7924
Rain Barrel Construction	Claudia Teague, cteague@flash.net		817-444-2247
Rose Garden, Tuesdays	Brian Strickland, strickland.brian49@yahoo.com		757-310-4108
304 Thistle Hill	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Weds. 8 am	Sue Fair	817-266-2514
304 Union Gospel Mission	Mon. 9 am	Gay Larson	817-441-6560
304 Teen Challenge	Wed. 9 am	Debbie Bollinger	817-498-1508
304 Common Ground NRH Community Garden	Wed. & Sat 8:30 am-12 n	Dianne Spradling Sandra Totty	817-431-4666 817-281-7877
304 Six Stones/City of Bedford Community Garden-		Annette Lee	214-803-2219
304 The Samaritan House	Tues. 8 am-11 am	John Pinkerton	682-433-2529
304 JPS Meditation Garden	2nd & 4th Fri. 9 am	Bernice Ramsbottom	817-485-6631
203 Grapevine Botanic Garden Docents	Call Chairman	Rachel Clark, Co-Chair Paula Wilbanks, Co-Chair	817-488-0035 817-481-4398
<b><u>Environmental Projects:</u></b>			
305 Composting Demo	1st Sat., Veterans Pk, Arlington	LaVonne Nowlin	817-581-1850
305 FW Library at Hulen St.	2nd Thurs 9 am	Bill Hall/ Theresa Thomas	817-737-9890 817-485-6789
305 SW Sub-Courthouse	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat., last Wed. 9 am	Gailon Hardin	817-475-0923
305 Veterans Park-Wildscape	Wed. 9 am-12 noon	Molly Hollar	817-319-6924
	1st Sat., 9 am-12 noon		
305 Bob Jones Nature Center	3rd Wed. 9 am	Nancy Searl	817-542-3190
<b><u>School Gardens:</u></b>			
306 Alice Carlson OLE	Mon. & Thurs. 8:30 am	Sharon Chastain	817-926-2575
306 Fitzgerald OLE	Mon 9 am	Leeann Rosenthal	817-237-7180
306 Heritage School OLE	Mon. 8-10 am	Pam Braak & Harold Annis	817-488-5665 817-481-6242
306 Durham Intermediate School	Wed 9am	Bea Wilson	817-401-2179

## ***Important Websites!***

**Our local TCMGA website:**

<http://www.tarrantmg.org/>

**State MG Website and TMG news:**

<http://www.txmg.org>

**Our RC Demo Garden Website:**

[http://www.localharvest.org/  
member/M27123](http://www.localharvest.org/member/M27123)

**Native Plant Society of Texas**

<http://npsot.org>

**Aggie Horticulture:**

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu>

**Earthkind:**

[http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/  
earthkind](http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind)

**Texas Superstars:**

<http://texassuperstar.com>

**Fort Worth Botanic Garden:**

<http://fwbg.org>

**Wildscape:**

<http://thewildscape.org>

**Botanical Research Institute of Texas:** <http://www.brit.org>

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